MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

A report from the Director of the Mint, showing the operations of that institution for the year 1841.

FEBRUARY 2, 1842.
Read, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit, herewith, to the Senate, a report from the Director of the Mint, showing the operations of the institution for the year 1841.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *January* 31, 1842.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
January 19, 1842.

SIR: In compliance with the law requiring from me an annual report of the operations of the Mint, and its branches, I have now the honor to submit to you the following statement:

The coinage executed at the Mint, in 1841, amounted to $1,304,199, comprising $710,475 in gold, $577,750 in silver, and $15,974 in copper coins, and composed of 5,051,831 pieces.—(Statement A.)

The deposites of gold within the year amounted to $715,173, and those of silver to $562,446. Of the gold, $248,478 was derived from the mines of the United States; and, for the first time, deposites of silver have also been received from the same source. The ore is an argentiferous carbonate of lead, found in Davidson county, North Carolina, and the proprietors of the mine seem confident that it will be largely productive.—(Statements B and C.)

The public funds in our vaults amount at present to but $104,960 94; $284,237 31 having been withdrawn during the year, on Treasury drafts. Were it not that the deposites of bullion are much less than in former years, this sum would be quite inadequate to secure the very desirable object of a prompt return to depositors in coins.

At the New Orleans branch mint, the coinage in 1841 amounted to $640,200, comprising $85,200 in gold, and 555,000 in silver coin, and composed of 3,693,730 pieces, of which 2,822,500 were dimes and half-dimes.—(Statement D.)

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The deposites for coinage amounted to $58,767 in gold, and $535,775 in silver.—(Statement E.)

The branch mint at Charlotte received during the year, deposites of gold to the value of $132,588, and its coinage amounted to $133,037½, composed of 21,467 half-eagles, and 10,281 quarter-eagles.—(Statements D. and E.)

The branch mint at Dahlonega received deposites of gold to the value of $161,974, and coined 30,495 half-eagles, and 4,164 quarter-eagles, amounting together to $162,885.—(Statements D. and E.)

The principal Mint and its branches have been all in good condition throughout the year, and there has been no unusual interruption in their operations; but, in consequence of the small supply of bullion, they have been only partially employed, so that the amount of work done by them has fallen far below what they are able to execute. The whole coinage of all the mints was less than two and a quarter millions, while the Philadelphia mint alone is capable of coining twelve millions, and, in 1836, did actually coin more than seven and three quarters.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your faithful servant,

R. M. PATTERSON,
Director of the Mint.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A.

Statement of the coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, in the year 1841.

Denominations.	Pieces.	Whole No. of pieces.	Value.	Whole value.
Gold—Eagles	63,131	–	$631,310	
Half-eagles	15,833	–	79,165	
		78,964		$710,475
Silver—Dollars	173,000	–	173,000	
Half-dollars	310,000	–	155,000	
Quarter-dollars	120,000	–	30,000	
Dimes	1,622,500	–	162,250	
Half dimes	1,150,000	–	57,500	
		3,375,500		577,750
Copper—Cents	–	1,597,367	–	15,973 67
Total	–	5,051,831	–	1,304,198 67

B.

Statement of the deposites, for coinage, at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, in the year 1841.

GOLD.		
From mines in the United States	$248,478	
Coins of the United States, old standard	5,762	
Foreign coins	295,838	
Foreign bullion	156,848	
Jewellery	8,247	
Total of gold		$715,173
SILVER.		
Bullion from North Carolina	4,198	
Foreign bullion	210,546	
Mexican dollars	272,320	
Dollars of South America	14,292	
European coins	55,692	
Plate	5,398	
Total of silver		562,446
Total	–	1,277,619

C.—*Statement of the annual amounts of deposites of gold for coinage, at the Mint of the United States and its branches, from mines in the United States.*

Periods.	Deposited at the United States Mint.								Deposited at the branch mints.				Mint and branches.
	From Virginia.	From North Carolina.	From South Carolina.	From Georgia.	From Tennessee.	From Alabama.	From various sources.	Total at U. S. Mint.	At Charlotte, N. C.	At Dahlonega, Ga.	At New Orleans.	Total at branch mints.	Total deposites of United States gold.
1824	–	$5,000	–	–	–	–	–	$5,000	–	–	–	–	$5,000
1825	–	17,000	–	–	–	–	–	17,000	–	–	–	–	17,000
1826	–	20,000	–	–	–	–	–	20,000	–	–	–	–	20,000
1827	–	21,000	–	–	–	–	–	21,000	–	–	–	–	21,000
1828	–	46,000	–	–	–	–	–	46,000	–	–	–	–	46,000
1829	$2,500	134,000	$3,500	–	–	–	–	140,000	–	–	–	–	140,000
1830	24,000	204,000	26,000	$212,000	–	–	–	466,000	–	–	–	–	466,000
1831	26,000	294,000	22,000	176,000	$1,000	–	$1,000	520,000	–	–	–	–	520,000
1832	34,000	458,000	45,000	140,000	1,000	–	–	678,000	–	–	–	–	678,000
1833	104,000	475,000	66,000	216,000	7,000	–	–	868,000	–	–	–	–	868,000
1834	62,000	380,000	38,000	415,000	3,000	–	–	898,000	–	–	–	–	898,000
1835	60,400	263,500	42,400	319,900	100	–	12,200	698,500	–	–	–	–	698,500
1836	62,000	148,100	55,200	201,400	300	–	–	467,000	–	–	–	–	467,000
1837	52,100	116,900	29,400	83,600	–	–	–	282,000	–	–	–	–	282,000
1838	55,000	66,000	13,000	36,000	1,500	–	200	171,700	$127,000	$135,700	$700	$263,400	435,100
1839	57,600	53,500	6,300	20,300	300	$500	–	138,500	126,836	113,035	6,869	246,740	385,240
1840	38,995	36,804	5,319	91,113	104	4,431	–	176,766	124,726	121,858	2,835	249,419	426,185
1841	25,736	76,431	3,440	139,796	1,212	1,863	–	248,478	129,847	161,974	1,818	293,639	542,117
	604,331	2,815,235	355,559	2,051,109	15,516	6,794	13,400	5,861,944	508,409	532,567	12,222	1,053,198	6,915,142

D.—*Statement of the coinage at the branch mints in the year* 1841.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.						Total.	
	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Total of gold.		Half-dollars.	Quarter-dollars.	Dimes.	Half-dimes.	Total of silver.		Whole coinage.	
				Number.	Value.					Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Dollars.
Charlotte, N. C. -	–	21,467	10,281	31,748	133,037 50	–	–	–	–	–	–	31,748	133,037 50
Dahlonega, Ga. -	–	30,495	4,164	34,659	162,885 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	34,659	162,885 00
New Orleans, La. -	2,500	8,350	7,380	18,230	85,200 00	401,000	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	3,675,500	555,000	3,693,730	640,200 00
	2,500	60,312	21,825	84,637	381,122 50	401,000	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	3,675,500	555,000	3,760,137	936,122 50

E.—*Statement of the deposites for coinage at the branch mints in the year* 1841.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total.
	U. S. coins, old standard.	United States bullion.	Foreign coins.	Foreign bullion.	Total of gold.	United States bullion.	Foreign bullion.	Foreign coins.	Total of silver.	Gold and silver.
Charlotte, N. C. -	–	$129,847	$2,741	–	$132,588	–	–	–	–	$132,588
Dahlonega, Ga. -	–	161,974	–	–	161,974	–	–	–	–	161,974
New Orleans, La. -	$716	1,818	55,740	$493	58,767	$102	$7,818	$527,855	$535,775	594,542
	716	293,639	58,481	493	353,329	102	7,818	527,855	535,775	889,104

F.—*Recapitulation of deposites and coinage at the Mint of the United States and its branches in the year* 1841.

Mints.	Deposites.						
	Gold.			Silver.			Total.
	U. S. gold.	Foreign gold.	Total of gold.	U. S. silver.	Foreign silver.	Total of silver.	Gold and silver.
Philadelphia - - -	$248,478	$466,695	$715,173	$4,198	$558,248	$562,446	$1,277,619
Charlotte, N. C. - -	129,847	2,741	132,588	–	–	–	132,588
Dahlonega, Ga. - -	161,974	–	161,974	–	–	–	161,974
New Orleans - - -	1,818	56,949	58,767	102	535,673	535,775	594,542
	542,117	526,385	1,068,502	4,300	1,093,921	1,098,221	2,166,723

F—Continued.

Mints.	Coinage.							
	Gold.		Silver.		Copper.		Total.	
	No. of pieces.	Value.	No. of pieces.	Value.	No. of pieces.	Value.	Whole number of pieces.	Whole value.
Philadelphia - - -	78,964	$710,475 00	3,375,500	$577,750	1,597,367	$15,973 67	5,051,831	$1,304,198 67
Charlotte, N. C. - -	31,748	133,037 50	–	–	–	–	31,748	133,037 50
Dahlonega, Ga. - -	34,659	162,885 00	–	–	–	–	34,659	162,885 00
New Orleans - - -	18,230	85,200 00	3,675,500	555,000	–	–	3,693,730	640,200 00
	163,601	1,091,597 50	7,051,000	1,132,750	1,597,367	15,973 67	8,811,968	2,240,321 17

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Statement of the amounts coined, annually, at the branch mints, from the commencement of the operations, until December 31, 1841.

Mints and periods.	Gold.					Silver.						Total.	
	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Total of gold.		Half-dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half-dimes.	Total of silver.		Whole coinage.	
				Number	Value.					Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.		Pieces.	Pieces	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.		Pieces.	
Charlotte, N. C., 1838	–	12,886	7,894	20,780	$84,165 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	20,780	$84,165 00
1839	–	23,467	18,173	41,640	162,767 50	–	–	–	–	–	–	41,640	162,767 50
1840	–	18,994	12,834	31,828	127,055 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	31,828	127,055 00
1841	–	21,467	10,281	31,748	133,037 50	–	–	–	–	–	–	31,748	133,037 50
Total -	–	76,814	49,182	125,996	507,025 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	125,996	507,025 00
Dahlonega, Geo., 1838	–	20,583	–	20,583	102,915 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	20,583	102,915 00
1839	–	18,939	13,674	32,613	128,880 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	32,613	128,880 00
1840	–	22,896	3,532	26,428	123,310 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	26,428	123,310 00
1841	–	30,495	4,164	34,659	162,885 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	34,659	162,885 00
Total -	–	92,913	21,370	114,283	517,990 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	114,283	517,990 00
New Orleans, 1838	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	402,430	–	402,430	$40,243	402,430	40,243 00
1839	–	–	9,396	9,396	23,490 00	116,000	–	1,291,600	1,060,000	2,467,600	240,160	2,476,996	263,650 00
1840	–	30,400	26,200	56,600	217,500 00	855,100	425,200	1,175,000	935,000	3,390,300	698,100	3,446,900	915,600 00
1841	2,500	8,350	7,380	18,230	85,200 00	401,000	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	3,675,500	555,000	3,693,730	640,200 00
Total -	2,500	38,750	42,976	84,226	326,190 00	1,372,100	877,200	4,876,530	2,810,000	9,935,830	1,533,503	10,020,056	1,859,693 00
Sum of totals -	2,500	208,477	113,528	324,505	1,351,205 00	1,372,100	877,200	4,876,530	2,810,000	9,935,830	1,533,503	10,260,335	2,884,708 00

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Tabular statement of the amount of coinage at the Mint of the United States from its operations until the 31st

Periods.	GOLD.					SIL		
	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Total gold coinage. Pieces of gold.	Total gold coinage. Value of gold.	Dollars.	Half-dollars.	Quarter-dollars.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*			*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*
1793								
1794	2,795	8,707	–	11,502	$71,485 00	204,791	323,144	–
1795								
1796	6,934	6,196	963	14,093	102,727 50	72,920	3,918	5,894
1797	8,323	3,609	859	12,791	103,422 50	7,776	–	252
1798	7,974	24,867	614	33,455	205,610 00	327,536	–	–
1799	17,483	7,451	480	25,414	213,285 00	423,515	–	–
1800	25,965	11,622	–	37,587	317,760 00	220,920	–	–
1801	29,254	26,006	–	55,260	422,570 00	54,454	30,289	–
1802	15,090	53,176	2,612	70,878	423,310 00	41,650	29,890	–
1803	8,979	33,506	423	42,908	258,377 50	66,064	31,715	–
1804	9,795	30,475	3,327	43,597	258,642 50	19,570	156,519	6,738
1805	–	33,183	1,781	34,964	170,367 50	321	211,722	121,394
1806	–	64,093	1,616	65,709	324,505 00	–	839,576	206,124
1807	–	84,093	6,812	90,905	437,495 00	–	1,051,576	220,643
1808	–	55,578	2,710	58,288	284,665 00	–	1,368,600	–
1809	–	33,875	–	33,875	169,375 00	–	1,405,810	–
1810	–	100,287	–	100,287	501,435 00	–	1,276,276	–
1811	–	99,581	–	99,581	497,905 00	–	1,203,644	–
1812	–	58,087	–	58,087	290,435 00	–	1,628,059	–
1813	–	95,428	–	95,428	477,140 00	–	1,241,903	–
1814	–	15,454	–	15,454	77,270 00	–	1,039,075	–
1815	–	635	–	635	3,175 00	–	–	69,232
1816	–	–	–	–	–	–	47,150	20,003
1817	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,215,567	–
1818	–	48,588	–	48,588	242,940 00	–	1,960,322	361,174
1819	–	51,723	–	51,723	258,615 00	–	2,208,000	144,000
1820	–	263,806	–	263,806	1,319,030 00	–	751,122	127,444
1821	–	34,641	6,448	41,089	189,325 00	–	1,305,797	216,851
1822	–	17,796	–	17,796	88,980 00	–	1,559,573	64,080
1823	–	14,485	–	14,485	72,425 00	–	1,694,200	17,800
1824	–	17,340	2,600	19,940	93,200 00	–	3,504,954	–
1825	–	29,060	4,434	33,494	156,385 00	–	2,943,166	168,000
1826	–	18,069	760	18,829	92,245 00	–	4,004,180	–
1827	–	24,913	2,800	27,713	131,565 00	–	5,493,400	4,000
1828	–	28,029	–	28,029	140,145 00	–	3,075,200	102,000
1829	–	57,442	3,403	60,845	295,717 50	–	3,712,156	–
1830	–	126,351	4,540	130,891	643,105 00	–	4,764,800	–
1831	–	140,594	4,520	145,114	714,270 00	–	5,873,660	398,000
1832	–	157,487	4,400	161,887	798,435 00	–	4,797,000	320,000
1833	–	193,630	4,160	197,790	978,550 00	–	5,206,000	156,000
1834	–	732,169	117,370	849,539	3,954,270 00	–	6,412,004	286,000
1835	–	371,534	131,402	502,936	2,186,175 00	–	5,352,006	1,952,000
1836	–	553,147	547,986	1,101,133	4,135,700 00	1,000	6,546,200	472,000
1837	–	207,121	45,080	252,201	1,148,305 00	–	3,629,820	252,400
1838	7,200	286,588	47,030	340,818	1,622,515 00	–	3,546,000	832,000
1839	38,248	118,143	27,021	183,412	1,040,747 50	300	3,334,561	491,146
1840	47,338	137,382	18,859	203,579	1,207,437 50	61,005	1,435,008	188,127
1841	63,131	15,833	–	78,964	710,475 00	173,000	310,000	120,000
	288,509	4,491,780	995,010	5,775,299	27,831,515 00	1,673,822	96,523,562	7,323,302

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States, in the several denominations of coin, from the commencement of of December, 1841, inclusive.

SILVER.				COPPER.			
Dimes.	Half-dimes.	Total silver coinage.		Cents.	Half-cents.	Total copper coinage.	
		Pieces of silver	Value of silver.			Pieces of copper.	Value of copper.
Pieces.	*Pieces.*			*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*		
–	86,416	614,351	$370,683 80	1,066,033	142,534	1,208,567	$11,373 00
22,135	10,230	115,097	79,077 50	974,700	115,480	1,090,180	10,384 40
25,261	44,527	77,816	12,591 45	897,510	107,048	1,004,558	9,510 34
27,550	–	355,086	330,291 00	979,700	–	979,700	9,797 00
–	–	423,515	423,515 00	904,585	12,167	916,752	9,106 68
21,760	24,000	266,680	224,296 00	2,822,175	211,530	3,033,705	29,279 40
34,640	33,910	153,293	74,758 00	1,362,837	–	1,362,837	13,628 37
10,975	13,010	95,525	58,343 00	3,435,100	14,366	3,449,466	34,422 83
33,040	37,850	168,669	87,118 00	2,471,353	97,900	2,569,253	25,203 03
8,265	–	191,092	100,340 50	756,838	1,055,312	1,812,150	12,844 94
120,780	15,600	469,817	149,388 50	941,116	814,464	1,755,580	13,483 48
–	–	1,045,700	471,319 00	348,000	356,000	704,000	5,260 00
165,000	–	1,437,219	597,448 75	727,221	476,000	1,203,221	9,652 21
–	–	1,368,600	684,300 00	1,109,000	400,000	1,509,000	13,090 00
44,710	–	1,450,520	707,376 00	222,867	1,154,572	1,377,439	8,001 53
6,355	–	1,282,631	638,773 50	1,458,500	215,000	1,673,500	15,660 00
65,180	–	1,268,824	608,340 00	218,025	63,140	281,165	2,495 95
–	–	1,628,059	814,029 50	1,075,500	–	1,075,500	10,755 00
–	–	1,241,903	620,951 50	418,000	–	418,000	4,180 00
421,500	–	1,460,575	561,687 50	357,830	–	357,830	3,578 30
–	–	69,232	17,308 00				
–	–	67,153	28,575 75	2,820,982	–	2,820,982	28,209 82
–	–	1,215,567	607,783 50	3,948,400	–	3,948,400	39,484 00
–	–	2,321,496	1,070,454 50	3,167,000	–	3,167,000	31,670 00
–	–	2,352,000	1,140,000 00	2,671,000	–	2,671,000	26,710 00
942,587	–	1,821,153	501,680 70	4,407,550	–	4,407,550	44,075 50
1,186,512	–	2,709,160	825,762 45	389,000	–	389,000	3,890 00
100,000	–	1,723,653	805,806 50	2,072,339	–	2,072,339	20,723 39
440,000	–	2,152,000	895,550 00				
–	–	3,504,954	1,752,477 00	1,262,000	–	1,262,000	12,620 00
510,000	–	3,621,166	1,564,583 00	1,461,100	63,000	1,524,100	14,961 00
–	–	4,004,180	2,002,090 00	1,517,425	234,000	1,751,425	16,344 25
1,215,000	–	6,712,400	2,869,200 00	2,357,732	–	2,357,732	23,577 32
125,000	–	3,302,200	1,575,600 00	2,260,624	606,000	2,866,624	25 636 24
770,000	1,230,000	5,712,156	1,994,578 00	1,414,500	487,000	1,901,500	16,580 00
510,000	1,240,000	6,514,800	2,495,400 00	1,711,500	–	1,711,500	17,115 00
771,350	1,242,700	8,285,710	3,175,600 00	3,359,260	2,200	3,361,460	33,603 60
522,500	965,000	6,604.500	2,579,000 00	2,362,000	–	2,362,000	23,620 00
485,000	1,370,000	7,217,000	2,759,000 00	2,739,000	154,000	2,893,000	28,160 00
635,000	1,480,000	8,813,004	3,415,002 00	1,855,100	120,000	1,975,100	19,151 00
1,410,000	2,760,000	11,474,006	3,443,003 00	3,878,400	141,000	4,019,400	39,489 00
1,190,000	1,900,000	10,109,200	3,606,100 00	2.111,000	398,000	2,509,000	23,100 00
1,042,000	2,276,000	7,200,220	2,696,010 00	5,558,300	–	5,558,300	55,583 00
1,992,500	2,255,000	8,625,500	2,293,000 00	6,370,200	–	6,370,200	63,702 00
1,053,115	1,069,150	5,948,272	1,949,136 00	3,128,661	–	3,128,661	31,286 61
1,358,580	1,344,085	4,386,805	1,028,603 00	2,462,700	–	2,462,700	24,627 00
1,622,500	1,150,000	3,375,500	577,750 00	1,597,367	–	1,597,367	15,973 67
18,888,795	20,547,478	144,957,959	54,683,681 90	80,430,030	7,440,713	96,870,743	931,503 86

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RECAPITULATION.

Periods.	Whole coinage, in pieces.	Whole coinage, in value.	Periods.	Whole coinage, in pieces.	Whole coinage, in value.
1793 }			1819	5,074,723	$1,425,325 00
1794 }	1,834,420	$453,541 80	1820	6,492,509	1,864,786 20
1795 }			1821	3,139,249	1,018,977 45
1796	1,219,370	192,129 40	1822	3,813,788	915,509 89
1797	1,095,165	125,524 29	1823	2,166,485	967,975 00
1798	1,368,241	545,698 00	1824	4,786,894	1,858,297 00
1799	1,365,681	645,906 68	1825	5,178,760	1,735,894 00
1800	3,337,972	571,335 40	1826	5,774,434	2,110,679 25
1801	1,571,390	510,956 37	1827	9,097,845	3,024,342 32
1802	3,615,869	516,075 83	1828	6,196,853	1,741,381 24
1803	2,780,830	370,698 53	1829	7,674,501	2,306,875 50
1804	2,046,839	371,827 94	1830	8,357,191	3,155,620 00
1805	2,260,361	333,239 48	1831	11,792,284	3,923,473 60
1806	1,815,409	801,084 00	1832	9,128,387	3,401,055 00
1807	2,731,345	1,044,595 96	1833	10,307,790	3,765,710 00
1808	2,935,888	982,055 00	1834	11,637,643	7,388,423 00
1809	2,861,834	884,752 53	1835	15,996,342	5,668,667 00
1810	3,056,418	1,155,868 50	1836	13,719,333	7,764,900 00
1811	1,649,570	1,108,740 95	1837	13,010,721	3,299,898 00
1812	2,761,646	1,115,219 50	1338	15,336,518	3,979,217 00
1813	1,755,331	1,102,271 50	1839	9,260,345	3,021,170 11
1814	1,833,859	642,535 80	1840	7,053,084	2,260,667 50
1815	69,867	20,483 00	1841	5,051,831	1,304,198 67
1816	2,888,135	56,785 57			
1817	5,163,967	647,267 50			
1818	5,537,084	1,345,064 50	Total	247,604,001	83,446,700 76

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Recapitulation of the coinage at the Mint of the United States and its branches, from the commencement of operations until December 31, 1841.

Commenced operations.	Mints.	Whole coinage in pieces.	Whole coinage in value.
1793	United States Mint - - - -	$247,604,001	$83,446,700 76
1838	Branch at Charlotte, North Carolina -	125,996	507,025 00
1838	Branch at Dahlonega, Georgia - -	114,283	517,990 00
1838	Branch at New Orleans - - -	10,020,056	1,859,693 00
		257,864,336	86,331,408 76

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